

**The entire section entitled “Evaluation and Selection” as modified in Amendment 0001 is hereby changed to read as stated below:**

### **Evaluation and Selection**

Pre-proposals, when required, will be evaluated by USAMRMC scientists or outside experts for scientific merit and programmatic relevance. Principal Investigators whose Pre-proposals meet preliminary qualifications will be invited to submit full proposals.

Full proposals will be evaluated using a two-tier review process. USAMRMC scientists and/or outside experts conduct the first tier, peer review. Peer reviewers evaluate proposals and assign scores based on the following factors (in descending order of importance):

- Research Strategy and Objectives
- Impact
- PI and Key Personnel Qualifications
- Facilities
- Budget

The second tier of review, programmatic review, will be conducted by a team which may consist of expert USAMRMC scientists, other Federal Agency Representatives, outside scientists with diverse expertise, clinicians, consumers, or combinations thereof.

Programmatic review is primarily concerned with three criteria: peer review recommendations, programmatic priorities, and portfolio balance. Other programmatic priorities that may be considered include:

- Congressional guidance,
- Military mission, relevance, health , medicine, beneficiaries,
- DOD Priorities,
- VA Priorities, and
- Collaborations with federal researchers

After this two tiered evaluation, proposals recommended for funding are prioritized. A prioritized listing of alternates will also be prepared when

warranted. Subsequent awards depend upon the availability of funds, and fulfillment of requirements and priorities determined to exist at the time of award. In some cases, funding priorities may change as certain scientific tasks are addressed and new mission assignments arise. Award is also dependent upon adequate demonstration by the applicant that they have addressed the USAMRMC Regulatory Compliance requirements for Research Involving Human subjects, Research Involving Animals, Facility Safety Plan, and Certificate of Environmental Compliance.